



PUBLIC NOTICE: Flowering Rush Herbicide Treatment on Forest Lake

Forest Lake - The Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District, in conjunction with the City of Forest Lake, Forest Lake Lake Association, Washington County, and MN Department of Natural Resources, will be conducting the first of two rounds of aquatic invasive species herbicide treatment of flowering rush on Forest Lake during the week of July 22nd. The herbicide that will be used is called [Tribune \(active ingredient is Diquat\)](#) and will be applied by the licensed applicator company, PLM Lake and Land Management Corp. This year's flowering rush treatment will consist of approximately 5 large treatment areas totaling 16.2 acres and 55 spot treatment sites. A map of the treatment areas may be found at www.clflwd.org. Treatment areas for the second round, planned for early-mid August, will be determined by a survey following the first round of treatment.

Signatures for aquatic invasive plant treatments are not required for the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District as the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has waived the signature requirement, as allowed by state statute. The law requires notification to lakeshore owners on how to opt-out of treatments. According to Minnesota Statutes (103G.615, Sec. 78, Subd 3a,b,c), the District is required to notify landowners of proposed treatments, offering them an opportunity to request that treatment not occur on waters adjacent to their property. (Adjacency is defined as waters within 150 feet of the shore lake-ward between property lines). It is the landowner's right to request treatment not be performed in front of their property. Contact the District using the information below to opt out.

Additional notifications have been provided. These included a post-card that was mailed to all residents on Forest Lake, handouts distributed by watercraft inspectors at public boat launches, and notice was posted on the District's website at www.clflwd.org.

A second round of herbicide treatment will occur in early-mid August this year. Those who opt out of the first round of treatment will be automatically opted out of the second round as well. Anyone who did not opt out of the first round of treatment, but wishes to opt out of the second round may do so by contacting:

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/S/Mike Kinney
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